

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-15 : (Canceled)

Claim 16 : (Currently Amended) A message delivery means for accepting a user-entered message from a message source, the message comprising user-entered text message data and an address of the addressee, and for delivering the user-entered message to a message recipient device, comprising: a telecommunications system including an intelligent network (IN) platform including a plurality of applications, each application being stored at a respective service control point within the IN platform, the plurality of applications including means for handling each received user-entered message and for delivering the received user-entered message to the recipient device.

Claim 17 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, wherein the message source comprises at least one selected from a group comprising a mobile telephone, a WAP telephone, an IP/SIP telephone, a computer, a personal assistant device, and a dTV.

Claim 18 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the recipient device and the message source is a dTV.

Claim 19 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 18, wherein the dTV is connected via a controller that enables the dTV to be connected to the IN platform by at least one of a dial-up, DSL, satellite and cable modem.

Claim 20 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 18, wherein the dTV initiates calling back a message sender using a received calling line identity.

Claim 21 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 20, wherein a call is set up for a user's fixed line telephone and is billed on a bill for the user's fixed line telephone.

Claim 22 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, wherein the IN platform includes a billing application for generating billing information for the user-entered message in the same way as billing information is generated for telephone calls.

Claim 23 : (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system, comprising: a message source; a message recipient device; and an intelligent network (IN) platform including a plurality of applications, each application being stored at a respective service control point within the IN platform, the plurality of applications including a message delivery means for accepting a user-entered message comprising user-entered text message data and an address of the addressee from the message source and for delivering the user-entered message to the recipient device.

Claim 24 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 23, wherein the message source comprises at least one selected from a group comprising a mobile telephone, a WAP telephone, an IP/SIP telephone, a computer, a personal assistant device, and a dTV.

Claim 25 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of the recipient device and the source device is a dTV.

Claim 26 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the dTV is connected via a controller that enables the dTV to be connected to the IN platform by at least one of a dial-up, DSL, satellite, and cable modem.

Claim 27 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 25, including means for using the dTV to initiate calling back a message sender using a received calling line identity.

Claim 28 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 27, wherein a call is set up for a user's fixed line telephone and is billed on a bill for the user's fixed line telephone.

Claim 29 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 23, wherein the IN platform includes a billing application for generating billing information for the user-entered message in the same way as billing information is generated for telephone calls.

Claim 30 : (Previously Presented) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, in which the address is the addressee's telephone number.

Claim 31 : (Previously Presented) The telecommunication system as claimed in claim 23, in which the address is the addressee's telephone number.